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**WAR DIARY**

OF

19<sup>th</sup> Bn. A.I.F.

FOR

May 1918

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
ALBERT SECTOR	1 <sup>st</sup> May 1918		General situation 15 4 am - see Intelligence report	App. 1
		11.55 pm	Bn. relieved by 22 <sup>nd</sup> Lond. Regt, + moved back to billets in Warloy arriving at 2 am 2 <sup>nd</sup> May.	" 2
WARLOY	2 <sup>nd</sup>		Strength of Bn 34 off 750 OR. Casualties Nil. Reinforcements Nil.	
		12.45 pm	Bn. moved from billets + moved by route march to MONTIGNY passing starting point at 1.15 pm.	" 3
		2.55 pm	Bn. arrived at MONTIGNY + accommodated in billets - rested	
MONTIGNY	3		Remainder of day Strength of Bn 34 off. 748 OR. Casualties 1 OR. Reinf. Nil. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aust Division in Corps Reserve. Bn therefore under orders to be ready for immediate turnout if required. Instructions for "the Defensive" issued to Coy. Commanders	" 4
		9.30-11.30 am 1.30-3.30 pm	Bn. using baths at BEHENCOURT	
			Remainder of day devoted to re-organisation of Coys + Lewis Gun training. - Strength 34 off. 671 OR. Casualties Nil. - Reinf. 3 OR	
"	4		Parade 9.30 - 11.30, Lewis Gun training carried out	
			Afternoon - Half Holiday - Strength 36 off. 674 OR	
"	5	8.40 am	Bn. moved by route march to ALLONVILLE.	" 5
		10.45 am	arrived at ALLONVILLE and accommodated in billets - rested	
ALLONVILLE	6		Remainder of day. - Strength 36 off. 674 OR	
			Bn. training - parade 9.30 am - 11.30 am + 1.30 - 3.30 pm. - Strength 36 off. 674 OR	
"	7		Heavy rain - training in Lewis Gun carried out in billets - 36 off. 674 OR	
"	8		do - do.	
			Strength 35 off. 692 OR. Casualties 4 OR (sawed). Reinf. 37 OR	

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
ALLONVILLE	May 9 <sup>th</sup> 1918	9am	Bn. Moved by route march to <del>the</del> LA HOUSSOYE, relieving 4 <sup>th</sup> Bn AIF. in Divisional reserve.	App. 6
		11.30am	Arrived at LA HOUSSOYE and accommodated in billets.	
		2pm	CO + Intelligence officer + Coy Commanders went forward to reconnoitre support Bn. sector - MORLANCOURT FRONT	
		4pm	Owing to shelling by enemy of our billets, Bn moved out + bivouaced in BOIS ESCARDONNEUSE (I15 & I18 to I14 & 9.3). Strength of Bn 35 off 691 OR. Casualties 1 OR. Reinf. Nil.	
LA HOUSSOYE AREA	10 <sup>th</sup>	8pm	Bn. resting all day. Moved from bivouacs to forward area. Bn in brigade support position, occupying AMIENS LINE in MORLANCOURT SECTOR. Move completed midnight. Bn HQs at I16 & 6.9, 17 <sup>th</sup> + 18 <sup>th</sup> Bns in front line, 20 <sup>th</sup> Bn in reserve. Strength of Bn. 35 off 690 OR. Casualties 1 <del>OR</del> Reinf. Nil.	
MORLANCOURT SECTOR	11		Bn. in support. - Improving trenches + dugouts during day. Strength 34 off 690 OR. Casualties Nil. Reinforcements Nil.	
do.	12		Bn in support. - Improving trenches + dugouts. Strength of Bn. 34 off 679 OR. Casualties Nil. Reinf. Nil.	
do.	13		Bn. in support - Improving trenches + dugouts. Strength 34 off 684 OR. Casualties 1 OR.	
do.	14		do. { Strength 36 off 683 OR. Casualties Nil. Reinf 2 officers + 5 OR (Lt. H. Hayes + 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt. HAS. Hughes)	
do.	15		do. { Strength 37 off 681 OR. Casualties 5 OR. Reinforcements Nil.	



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MORLANCOURT SECTOR	20		Strength of Bn. 37 off 654 OR. Casualties 2 off 8 OR. Reinf. 3 OR	
do.	21		General situation during day - see Intelligence Report	App. 12
		9.45 pm	Patrol of 1 off 8 OR with Lewis gun went out from K 13 b 10.80 to patrol Bn. front and ascertain movements of enemy.	App. 13
		2.40 am on 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Patrol returned through K 13 a 5.0	
do.	22		Strength of Bn. 37 off 654 OR. Casualties Nil - Reinforcement Nil General situation during day - see Intelligence Summary	App. 14
		10.10 pm	} Patrol sent out to locate & snipe enemy posts	} App. 15 " 16
		10.45 pm		
do.	23		Strength of Bn. 37 officers 632 OR. Casualties 3 OR. Reinf. Nil General situation during the day - see Intelligence Report	App. 17
		10.30 pm	Patrol of 8 OR with Lewis gun, under Lt A. B. Keelch went out from K 7 d 10.80 to locate enemy posts. Patrol returned at 1.15 am.	App. 18
do.	24		Strength of Bn. 36 off. 648 OR. Casualties 1 off 10 OR. Reinf. 14 OR. General situation during the day - see Intelligence Report	App. 19
		10.30 pm	Front line Coy sent out patrols to cover their own front during the night. Patrols withdrawn at 3 am.	
do.	25		Strength of Bn. 38 off 657 OR. Casualties Nil. Reinforcement 2 off 10 OR. General situation during the day - see Intelligence Report	App. 20
		11.40 pm	Bn relieved in front line by 18 <sup>th</sup> Bn AIF + moved back to support area. Relief complete	App. 21

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
MORLANCOURT SECTOR	25		Strength of Bn 38 off 657 OR. Casualties Nil. Reinforcements Nil.	
do	26		Bn in support in AMIENS LINE. Bn HQ at J16 to 6.9. Provisional Defence Scheme issued to Coy Commanders. Reorganisation of Coy carried out during the morning. Bn rested remainder of day.	App. 22
do.	27		Strength 38 off 657 OR. Casualties Nil. Reinforcement Nil. Bn. in support. During the day 2 officers per Coy including Coy Commanders reconnoitred bridges in forward area. Bn. rested during day.	App. 23
do.	28		Strength 38 off 656 OR. Casualties Nil. Reinforcements Nil. Bn. in support. Lt Col H. M. Beiers MC. returned to the Bn. + took over command from Lt Col J. Forbes D.S.O.	
		8pm	4 off + 160 OR sent forward for work in front line area - cleaning trenches, wiring + carrying wire packets. Party returned at 2 am.	
		8pm	Enemy commenced heavy gas shelling in full at front line. Bn HQ causing severe casualties to 18th Bn. HQ details. 3 officers + 66 OR of our working party were gassed.	
do.	29		Strength of Bn. 35 off 681 OR. Casualties 3 off 61 OR. Reinf. 2 off 26 OR. Bn in support. owing to enemy gas shelling previous evening - all men were given complete rest during the day + working parties for the evening were cancelled. A + D Coy proceeded to the Bath at HEILLY	





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19<sup>th</sup> Bn. A.I.F.

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May 1918

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W. J. L.

Intelligence Report ending 4 a.m. 1-5-18.

E N E M Y   C O P E R A T I O N S .

Artillery:- 6 4.2's vicinity W 20 d firing from USNA VALLEY. (8-35 a.m).  
 10 a.m. 30 5.9's to rear appeared to be about V 24.  
 12 noon 12 77's in vicinity W 2 firing from rear W 22 d  
 2-30 p.m. 34 - 4.2's from 127° T.P. from W 19 d 61. Battery  
 firing from behind old building.  
 5 p.m. 8 - 4.2's vicinity W 29, two guns firing from USNA  
 VALLEY.  
 7-20 p.m. Fired 9 Gas shells and 11 H.E. in vicinity V.24  
 firing from sound building of 83° T.B. from C.P.  
 7-30 7 - 77's from rear of BRICKFIELDS.  
 8-15 to 8-25 About 12 - 4.2's and 5.9's in vicinity W 20 d from  
 from USNA VALLEY. Two guns firing.  
 2-30 p.m. Shells fell along valley about 500 yards in rear of  
 front line.  
 2 a.m. 77's and 4.2's scattered in valley W 20 c. A few shells  
 only fell on our sector after the operation on LEFT.

SIGNALS. During operation on left enemy put up numerous flares on  
 front of about 2000 yards. RED flares and RED bursting in  
 two came down from centre of operations about 5 mins after  
 commencement. First single RED was put up well to right.  
 Enemy artillery appeared to open late and continued until 2-30  
 over back areas though not heavy.

Movement:- 6 men wearing caps and field grey uniform walked in southerly  
 direction near Railway line at 122° T.B. from C.P. at 3 p.m.

T.M:- 7 pineapples in vicinity W 26 from approx W 27 c 58.

Prisoner:- Prisoner captured to-night, came up to our listening post  
 approx W 27 a ~~355~~ 356C. On being challenged he threw down  
 his rifle and ran, he was shot in the leg and brought in.

Our Patrol Report attached.  
 Quiet. Visibility poor during morning.

*W. J. Mearns* Lieut.  
 Intelligence Officer.

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Ref. Maps. - Sheet 62d 1/40,000  
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Bn HQ  
 30<sup>th</sup> Apr 1918.

- 1/ The 5<sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde (less 18<sup>th</sup> Bn.) will be relieved by 142<sup>nd</sup> Inf. Bde, on night 1/2<sup>nd</sup> May, and after relief will be held in Div. Reserve, until relieved by 141<sup>st</sup> Inf. Bde on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 1918.
- 2/ The 19<sup>th</sup> Bn. will be relieved by the 22<sup>nd</sup> Lond. Regt. on night 1/2<sup>nd</sup> May, and after relief will move to WARLOY.  
 Guides will meet Coy at entrance to WARLOY.
- 3/ Guides for incoming Bn., will be sent to Bn HQ & will be attached to relieving platoons under Bn. arrangements.
- 4/ The three front line Coy of the 19<sup>th</sup> Bn. will be relieved by two Coy from the 22<sup>nd</sup> Lond. Regt as under.  
 A Coy. 22<sup>nd</sup> Lond Regt will relieve C. Coy 19<sup>th</sup> Bn. plus right platoon of B. Coy 19<sup>th</sup> Bn.  
 B " 22<sup>nd</sup> Lond. Regt will relieve A Coy 19<sup>th</sup> Bn. and remainder of B Coy 19<sup>th</sup> Bn.  
 D - 22<sup>nd</sup> Lond. Regt will occupy the old support line.  
 C - 22<sup>nd</sup> Lond. Regt will relieve D. Coy 19<sup>th</sup> Bn. in Bn. Reserve.
- 5/ Advance parties from 22<sup>nd</sup> Lond. Regt will report to Coy on night 30<sup>th</sup> Apr / 1<sup>st</sup> May.
- 6/ Lewis Guns equipment will be loaded on



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- Transport Officer at Bn. HQs, immediately after relief. Lt Henry will supervise the loading.
- 7 Transport Officer will detail following transport to report at Bn HQs on night 1/2<sup>nd</sup> Bay.
  - 2 limbus at 10.30 pm
  - 1 " " 12.30 am
- 8 Bench stores, SOS signals, maps, extra SAH<sup>+</sup> will be handed over & receipts obtained. Copies of receipts will be sent to Bn HQs by 10 am on 2<sup>nd</sup> Bay.
- 9 Coy Commanders will wire their own names to Bn HQs on completion of relief.
- 10 ACKNOWLEDGE.

Distribution - Copies 15

- 1 H Co
- 2 B "
- 3 C "
- 4 D "
- 5 QM
- 6 T.O
- 7 War diary
- 8 file

L. Clayton-Smith Lt Col  
19<sup>th</sup> Bn. A.I.F.

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19th BATTALION, A.I.F.  
ORDER No. 88.

Ref. Maps :-  
Sheet 57d )  
" 62d ) 1/40,000.

Battalion Headquarters,  
2nd May 1918.

- 1 The 19th Bn. will move to-day, 2nd May, to MC NTIGNY, and will clear starting point - U.23.d.5.6. - at 1.15 p.m.
- 2 Route. CCNTAY - BEAUCCURT - MC NTIGNY.
- 3 The battalion will be fallen in, ready to move from present billets, at 12.45 p.m.
- 4 Dress. Full marching order, less blankets. Steel helmets will be worn.  
Dismounted officers will carry packs.
- 5 The following minimum distances will be maintained during the march :-  
Between companies ... .. 100 yards  
" and transport ... .. 100 "  
Between each section of six vehicles 25 "
- 6 Strict march discipline will be observed.
- 7 Halts. For ten minutes at ten minutes to each clock hour.
- 8 Transport will remain brigaded and will move under orders of Bde. Transport Officer.
- 9 Blankets will be rolled in bundles of ten and dumped at Q.M. Store by 9.30 a.m.  
Officers' Valises will be dumped at Q.M. Store by same hour.
- 10 Transport Officer will detail mess cart to collect officers' mess gear by noon.
- 11 ACKNOWLEDGE.

*L. Clayton-Smith*

Lieut. & Adjutant,  
19th Aust. Inf. Battalion.

Distribution :-

- 1/2 War Diary
- 3 C.C. "A" Coy.
- 4 " "B" "
- 5 " "C" "
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- 7 Q.M.
- 8 T.C.
- 9 File.

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Battalion Headquarters,  
3rd May 1918.

INSTRUCTIONS for DEFENSIVE.

The 2nd Aust. Division is at present in Corps reserve. All units will therefore be prepared to move at short notice.

To ensure a quick turnout of the 19th Bn., the following instructions are issued. --

(a) Battalion Alarm Post will be at ground in B.18.c.7.9. (where recent Corps Commander's inspection was held). Buglers have been detailed to sound the Alarm within hearing of Companies, on instructions from Bn. Headqrs.

(b) On sounding of alarm, Companies will assemble at once at Bn. Alarm Post.

Dress. Fighting Order, with overcoats rolled in waterproof sheets.

220 rounds S.A.A. on the man. Water bottles filled, and emergency ration complete.

Bombs will be carried by Companies, in boxes, to Alarm Post, and issued (two per man).

Blankets and pecks will be issued collected by C.Q.M. Sgts. and returned to Q.M. Store.

The 2nd Division may be required --

(a) For counter-attack.

(b) To occupy forward defences of third zone.

With reference to (a). In the event of an enemy attack south of the Somme, the 2nd Division will be employed for prompt counter-attack.

In the case of (b). The 2nd Division, if not employed offensively will be employed to check the enemy, the 5th A.I. Bde. being prepared to man the MONTIGNY sector (H.5. Central to U.26.c.8.0.). Sectors are allotted to battalions as under :-

20th Bn.	H.5.b.4.0. - B.24.c.1.6. (road inclusive).
17th "	B.24.c.16. (road exclusive) to B.12.d.1.5. (road inclusive).
18th "	B.12.d.1.5. (road exclusive) to U.26.c.0.0.
19th "	In support at B.17.

*Rayon-Smith*  
Lieut. & Adjutant,  
19th Aust. Inf. Battalion.

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Battalion Headquarters,  
5th May 1918.. Map 62d 1/40,000.  
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The 19th Bn. will move to-day, 5th inst., to ALLONVILLE, and will pass starting point at road junction B.17.b.9.0. at 8.40 a.m.  
Transport will move with the battalion.

Route. B.17.a.0.0. - B.20.d.5.2.

On arrival in new area, the battalion will be in readiness to move at short notice.

The following routine will be observed in connection with the move :-

Reveille ... 6 a.m.  
Breakfast ... 6.30 a.m.

Companies will be fallen in, ready to move from present billets, at 8.15 a.m.

Dress. Full marching order (less blankets).  
Dismounted officers will carry packs.

Blankets will be rolled in bangles of ten and dumped at Q.M. Store by 7.15 a.m. Officers' Valises will be dumped at Q.M. Store by same hour.

Transport officer will detail mess cart to collect officers' mess gear by 7.30 a.m.

Lieut. DONOVAN with five O.R. will report to Area Commandant at ALLONVILLE at 8 a.m., for billeting purposes.

Coy. commanders will render a certificate to Bn. Hdqrs. before moving off, that billets have been left in a clean and sanitary condition.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

*[Signature: Clayton-Smith]*  
Lieut. & Adjutant,  
19th Aust. Inf. Battalion.

Distribution:

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- 3 O.C. "A" Copy.
- 4 " "B" "
- 5 " "C" "
- 6 " "D" "
- 7 Q.M.
- 8 T.O.
- 9 Lieut. TRENERRY
- 10 File.

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Battalion Headquarters,  
9th May 1918.Ref. Map 62d, 1/40,000.  
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The 5th A.I. Brigade will relieve 11th A.I. Bde. on 9th inst. and on relief will become Div. Reserve to 3rd Aust. Division.

The 19th Bn. will relieve the 43rd Bn. at LA HOUSOIE and will clear ALLONVILLE by 9 a.m. on 9th inst.

Route. Via QUERRIEU.

The following routine will be observed in connection with the move:-

Reveille	...	6 a.m.
Sick Parade	...	6.30 a.m.
Breakfast	...	7 "

Companies will be ready to move from present billets at 8.40 a.m.

Dress. Fighting Order. Waterproof sheets rolled and carried on belt in rear. *of coats in 7 Props.*

The following distances will be maintained on the march:-

Between Companies ... .. 100 yards

" and Transport ... 100 "

Between each section of six vehicles 25 "

Forward of a line running through N. and S. through I.3. central, movement will be by platoons at 100 yards between platoons.

All movement in vicinity of LA HOUSOIE is to be restricted to an absolute minimum.

Packs, blankets and officers' valises will be dumped at Q.M. Store by 7.15 a.m., Blankets in bundles of ten.

Q.M. will send these to No. 7 billet at CARDONETTE on morning of 9th inst., and will detail one O.R. to remain at CARDONETTE as guard in charge, and to report at 9 a.m.

Transport will move with the battalion.

Mess Cart will collect officers' mess gear by 7.30 a.m.

All Lewis Guns, Signalling Equipment etc. will be loaded on Transport by 7.45 a.m.

2nd-Lieut. A.D. PEARCE will remain behind at ALLONVILLE to hand over duties and instructions of Brigade in this area to battalion of 10th A.I. Brigade. 2nd-Lieut. PEARCE will report at Bn. Headqrs. at 8 a.m.

13 ACKNOWLEDGE.

*L. Lyon-Smith*  
Lieut. & Adjutant,  
19th Aust. Inf. Battalion.

Distribution.

1/2 War Diary	6 O.C. "D" Coy.
3 O.C. "A" Coy.	7 Q.M.
4 " "B" "	8 T.O.
5 " "C" "	9 File

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19<sup>th</sup> Bn A.I.F. order No 92

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Bn HQs

16<sup>th</sup> May 1918

- 1 On night 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> May, the Reserve Coy. of 20<sup>th</sup> Bn. will move forward from old trench line in T13 b+c to road + trenches in T14 a + c.
- 2 A Coy 19<sup>th</sup> Bn. will move forward + occupy the old trench line in T23 b+c vacated by 20<sup>th</sup> Bn.
- 3 Ob<sup>d</sup> A<sup>d</sup> Coy will reconnoitre the new position and make mutual arrangements with Coy. Commanders of 20<sup>th</sup> Bn, re time of move.
- 4 Move to take place as soon as visibility permits, and to be arranged so as not to interfere with work in progress.
- 5 Completion of move will be notified Bn HQs.
- 6 ACKNOWLEDGE

Distribution

- 1/4 All Coys
- 5 QM
- 6 To
- 7 20<sup>th</sup> Bn.
- 8/9 War Diary
- 10 File

Clayton-Smith Lt Col  
19<sup>th</sup> Bn. A.I.F.

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Secret19<sup>th</sup> Bn. A.I.F. Order No 93Copy No.Ref. Uoy. 62 d NE 1/20,000

Bn. HQs

16<sup>th</sup> May 1918

1. The 19<sup>th</sup> Bn will relieve the 18<sup>th</sup> Bn. in the lines on night of 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> May, as under.
- |       |      |         |       |               |       |
|-------|------|---------|-------|---------------|-------|
| B Coy | will | relieve | right | line          | Coys. |
| D "   | "    | "       | "     | left          | " "   |
| C "   | "    | "       | "     | right support | Coys  |
| A "   | "    | "       | "     | left support  | "     |
- Bn. HQs will move to T17638.
2. Coys will relieve in the following order, B-D-C-A, and will move off in line to pick up guides in Swan CT near 18<sup>th</sup> Bn HQs at 10 pm. One guide per Coy will await coys at this point from 9.45 pm on. On arrival at respective Coy HQs post guides will be provided.
3. Shovels, Picks, SOS + all trench stores will be handed over to advance parties of 18<sup>th</sup> Bn before Coys move off, and receipts obtained. Copies of receipts will be forwarded to Bn HQs by first runner after completion of relief.
- Trench stores, picks + shovels, in the line will be taken over from 18<sup>th</sup> Bn. + receipts given. Copies to be sent to Bn HQs by first runner after relief.
4. Rations. - Rations on 17<sup>th</sup> and following days will be dumped at Bn HQs T17638. Transport Officer will arrange to reconnoitre the route.
- Cooking Arrangements. - Transport Officer will send

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Three Cookers to report at Bn HQs (line) on night 17/18<sup>th</sup> inst. All cooking for the Bn. will be carried out on these Cookers.

6 Water - Transport Officer will send two full watercarts to Bn HQs each night, commencing night 17/18<sup>th</sup> inst. These carts will unload in tank at Bn HQs, refill at MERICOVRT + carry the second load to tank at Bn. HQs. Watercarts will then return to transport lines.

7 Ration Parties. Each of the support boys will supply 12 OPR whose sole duty will be to carry rations + food to support + front line Coy. These parties will report to the Sgt Book at Bn HQs at hours to be notified later.

8 AA defence. Each of the support boys will provide 1 Lewis gun and team (4 L. Gunners) to be mounted at Bn HQs for AA defence. These teams will report to Bn HQs on night of relief, and will be rationed + accommodated at Bn HQs.

9 LIAISON - Of Regt support boys will detail 1 officer daily to visit night Bn. HQs + Of left support Coy will detail 1 officer daily to visit HQs of Bn on our left. These liaison officers will report at Bn. HQs each day.

10 Completion of relief will be notified to Bn. HQs by wire Coy Commanders wiring their own names.

11 ACKNOWLEDGE.

- 4 Corps
- 5 Gen
- 6 TO
- 7 18<sup>th</sup> Bn.
- 8/9 War Diary

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19<sup>th</sup> Bn AIF.

Bn HQ  
17<sup>th</sup> May 1918

1 Bn. Order N<sup>o</sup> 93 is cancelled. Relief  
will not take place until night  
19/20<sup>th</sup> inst.

2 ACKNOWLEDGE

Haydon-Smith  
19<sup>th</sup> Bn AIF

Distribution

- 1/4 Coy
- 5 Pm
- 6 T.O.
- 7 18<sup>th</sup> Bn
- 8/9 War Diary
- 10 file

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Battal Hq. 19<sup>th</sup> May 1918.

1/ The 19<sup>th</sup> Brv will relieve the 18<sup>th</sup> Brv in the line on night of 19/20<sup>th</sup> May. Following will be dispositions of 19<sup>th</sup> Brv :-

C. Coy line, left K7b10. to post at road junction K13b18. (inclusive)

B Coy line, right. Post at road junction K13b18 (exclusive) to K13c9b

A Coy close support line K7c, K13a

D Coy support line J12c, J18a & b

Brv Hq. will move to J17b3.8

2/ Coys will move forward from present positions at 9.30 pm

Guides Area guides for front line Coys, also 2.

guides for A Coy. will await Coys from 9.30 pm. in SWAN. C.T. next to 18<sup>th</sup> Brv Hq.

No guides have been arranged for D Coy.

3/ Tools These will be taken over from 18<sup>th</sup> Brv.

Those with Coys in support Area will be left at Coy Hq. for 18<sup>th</sup> Brv.

Rations These will be brought forward as heretofore.

Abat. rations will be cooked. Tea and water will come forward in Petrol Cans.

Ration Parties A & D Coys. will each provide carrying parties for front line Coys.

"A" Coy will carry for "C" Coy

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- "D" Coy will carry for "B" Coy  
Parties will report at Ration Dump. T17-38 at 10-30 pm  
each night, with exception of night 19/20<sup>th</sup> when they  
will report after completion of relief. An officer will be  
in charge of each party.
6. A.A. Defence "D" Coy will provide 2 Lewis Guns &  
teams (each 4 L. Gunners) to be mounted at Brv Stars for  
A.A. Defence. These teams will report at Brv Stars  
on night 19/20<sup>th</sup> inst.
7. HAISON O.C. "I" Coy will detail 1 officer daily to visit Right  
Brv Stars, and O.C. "A" Coy will detail 1 officer daily to visit  
Stars of Brv on our left. The liaison officers will report  
at Brv Stars each day.
8. During the tour in the line bugles will be used to  
supplement the S.O.S. signal. One bugler will be  
stationed with Corp Stars of each front line Coy.  
In the event of S.O.S. being sent up, the bugler will  
sound the "double" and this call will then be repeated  
from Brv Stars.
9. Completion of relief will be notified to Brv Stars by  
wire, Coy Commanders writing their own names  
Should lines be out, runners will be sent.
10. ACKNOWLEDGE

L. Layton-Smith  
Lieut. & Adjutant  
19<sup>th</sup> Brv. A.I.F.



Secret. 19<sup>th</sup> Battalion Order No 94. copy No 84

Ref Sheet 62 d N.E. 1/20,000. Appendix 9 Br Staff. 18/3/18.

1. On a date at an hour to be notified later, an operation will be carried out with the object of capturing ville-sup-Ancre and straightening our lines.
2. The attack is being made by 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> A.I. Bdes. The 5<sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde. will advance and consolidate on the line K.B a 73 to cross roads K.13638. - K7610. joining up with the 6<sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde. at the latter point. At the same time a line of posts. will be established North of Ville-sup-Ancre. from E 25 099 - E 25 670.46 - E 25 66.7
3. The attack will be carried out by the 18<sup>th</sup> Bn. "D" Coy, 19<sup>th</sup> Bn will be attached to 18<sup>th</sup> Bn to work on C.T. under the orders of 18<sup>th</sup> Bn. O. to "D" Coy. will report to C.O. 18<sup>th</sup> Bn on morning of 18<sup>th</sup> inst for instructions.

#### Actions of 19<sup>th</sup> Bn.

(a) Before zero.

- I "D" Coy. will be in position in old French line T12c at zero minus 1 hour.
- II "B" Coy. will move to the in position in Sunken road T17b at zero minus 4 hours.
- III "C" Coy. will remain in AMIENS line T17a - T10d.
- IV "A" Coy. will remain in old French line T23 b & d

2⑥ After Pro.

As soon as possible after the objective has been captured  
"D" Coy 19<sup>th</sup> Bn will construct communication  
trenches from K7 d34 to K7 c63 approx, returning to  
position in T12C on completion of task

5 Bn HQs will remain at present position

④ Synchronization of watches.

Sig Officer will arrange synchronization of watches  
with company commanders.

7 ACKNOWLEDGE.

L. Layton-Smith

Lieut. Adjutant  
19<sup>th</sup> Bn. A.I.F.



INTELLIGENCE REPORT 20th May 1918.

C U R C P E R A T I O N S.

ARTILLERY has been active throughout the day firing on targets in K 13 b, 14 a, 8 c.  
 AIRCRAFT. were very busy reconnoitring and bombing the enemys lines during the day.  
 Patrols. A reconnoitring patrol from the support Company went out at approx K 7 d 10 20 .  
 Patrol report not yet to hand.  
 WORK Deepening and improving Coy positions-90 yards low trip wire put out on front of trench K 7 d 10 40 - K 7 d 10 60.  
 200 men from 7th A.I. Bde digging and deepening trench from J 12 d 40 80 - K 7 c 60 70 - K 7 d 10 95. dug to a depth an average depth of 3" 6" except in an odd place or two where it is very wet.

E N E M Y C P E R A T I O N S.

ARTILLERY was fairly active throughout the night J 17 b, J 12 c and old support lines were shelled with 77's. and 4'2's while Marrell Wood ~~was~~ was shelled with 5.9 shells. Valley in K 7 b was shelled during the night.  
 ENEMY AIRCRAFT. No enemy aircraft have been observed during the past 24 hours over our sector.  
 FLARES normal - at 3-30 a.m this morning "clusters" were thrown up, but no apparent action followed.  
 MISCELLANEOUS. Owing to 19th Battalion relieving 18th Battalion it has not been able to observe thoroughly during the past 24 hours.

*J. Brown* Lieut,  
 Intelligence Officer.

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Patrol Report

Patrol 1 officer 8 of R Lewis Gun  
Place of Departure K 13 a 95 70  
Time 10 50 pm 20/5/18  
Place of Return K 13 a 95 70  
Time 1.20 am 21/5/18  
Object: To locate enemy posts.  
Casualties Nil

Patrol leader, Lieut Jones DCM, reports,  
 I proceeded in an easterly direction from K 13 a 95 70 for about 75 yards when I sighted a large party of the enemy on the skyline they were about 200 yards distant & appeared to be digging.  
 I then went forward with three scouts to within 100 yards of them to make certain & I found that they were digging along approximately the line R 7 d 50.20 - K 13 b 60 80.  
 I then went back to where my Lewis gun was & fired three magazines into the party cries were heard & they were seen to scatter. We then returned to trench & opened fire on the party with No 36 grenades & Lewis Guns. Enemy retaliated with MG fire & "pineapples".  
 Enemy MG was located at about K 13 b 30.10. Flares from enemy posts fell behind our lines near K 13 a 80.70.

P. D. Jones Lieut.  
 1/6. Patrol.

Patrol Report

21/5/18

Patrol 1 officer (Lt Keach) 12 of R 1 Lewis Gun  
Place of Departure K 7c 20 80  
Time 10 45 pm 21/5/18  
Place of Return K 7c 20 80  
Time 2 30 am 21/5/18  
Object Locating enemy posts  
Casualties Nil

Patrol leader says. I left trench at K 7c 20 80  
 & proceeded in Easterly direction towards K 7b.  
 At about K 8a 20 40 enemy working party  
 was heard. at about ~~20 40~~ K 8 25 70.  
 Patrol took up a position at K 8a 00 40  
 and fired 2 magazines from LG into the party.  
 Just in front were a series of unoccupied small  
 posts.  
 Scouts were sent out to within 50 yards of  
 K 8a 20 50 & were immediately fired upon by  
 MG from K 8a 30 45.  
 4 flares were then sent up in quick succession  
 & scouts then went back to patrol's position.  
 Patrol waited here (K 8a 00 40) for about 3/4 hour  
 under MG fire from K 8a 70 60 & K 8a 30 45.  
 Patrol then returned to trench.

A B Keach, Lt  
 ofc. Patrol.

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INTELLIGENCE REPORT 21st May 1918.C U R C P E R A T I O N S.

Our artillery fairly active throughout the day firing on posts and patches of crop in K 7 and K 13. At 2-30 a.m. our artillery opened a burst of fire on K 13 a and d with the object of harassing an enemy working party. AIRCRAFT our planes flew over our lines during the morning on reconnaissance work.

PATRCLS. 1 Officer 8 C.R. 1 Lewis Gun. )  
1 Officer 12 C.R. 1 Lewis Gun. ) see attached patrol reports.  
INFANTRY. The enemy was engaged with Lewis Guns, Rifle grenades, during the day and night. We also carried out a fair amount of sniping.

E N E M Y C P E R A T I O N S.

ARTILLERY. 7-45 to 8-15 a.m. 20-5-18 4.2's firing from direction of K 20 a (Brick beacon) 12 shots in vicinity of front line.

10 to 10-25 a.m. 4.2's fired 20 shots in vicinity of supports.

11-50 to 11-55 a.m. 20 rounds 77's from direction of MCRLANCCURT fell in vicinity of supports.

1-30 to 2-25 p.m. 24 5.9's from direction of MALARD WCCD fell near supports.

2-35 to 2-45 p.m. - 12 4.2's from direction of MALARD WCCD fell near supports.

5-10 to 5-15 p.m. - 14 rounds 4.2 from direction of brick beacon fell near supports.

Quiet throughout remainder of the night except about 3 a.m. when a few shells fell on battalion sector as retaliation for an artillery "strafe" at 2-30 a.m.

AIRCRAFT. Three enemy aircraft flew over "No man's Land" at 8-40 p.m. When over our line one E.A. dropped 3 white flares. No apparent enemy action followed. Planes were engaged with M.G. fire and were turned back.

FLARES. Very quiet throughout the night except at 2 a.m. - 3 a.m. when a good few white flares were thrown up.

INFANTRY Enemy had working parties out (see patrol reports) evidently trying to connect his posts.

MISCELLANEOUS. Enemy shelled Brigade on left with guns of all calibres from about 12 midnight till 1 a.m. 21-5-18. Machine guns located at approx K 7 d 30 55 and K 13 b 30 10. 10 men were seen moving about at dusk in crop near K 7 d 55 00 and were engaged by Lewis Gun.

*J. Brown* Lieut,  
Intelligence Officer.

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19<sup>th</sup> Bn

# Patrol Report

Apr 13<sup>th</sup>

22.5.18

Map Ref. 62D NE 1/20000

Patrol 1 officer 8 of R 1 Lewis Gun (Lt James Berry)

Point of Dep: K 13 b 10 80

Time: 9.45 pm 21/5/18

Point of Return: K 13 a 50 00. 2.40 am 22/5/18

Object: To patrol Battalion front & ascertain movements of the enemy.

Casualties Nil.

Information gained:

I proceeded in a southeasterly direction for 120 yards to within about 60 yds of post at K 13 b 80 70.

By the sound of the voices I should say that this post is fairly strongly held. & MGs were very active from this post.

Men appeared to be lengthening the post digging from inside the trench. Post is now about 50 yards long & lightly wired.

From this point I proceeded <sup>south</sup> westerly and explored crops at about approx <sup>K 13 b</sup> central. These crops did not show any signs of having been walked through but a patch of clover nearby has been used at different times.

Post at K 13 b 40 10 was also being lengthened & improved & men <sup>NEW RIVER</sup> NE-SW. & they were taking water out of it.

2 MGs were observed firing from approx Rd B central. 1 across 19<sup>th</sup> Bn front & 1 across 20<sup>th</sup> Bn.

front. After observing this post for some time I withdrew my party & returned to our own trench.

Flares went up in fairly large numbers from various posts throughout the night.

James Berry  
1/B. Patrol.

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INTELLIGENCE REPORT 22nd May 1918.C U R C P E R A T I C N S.

ARTILLERY throughout the day our artillery harassed the enemy at various points, especially in the vicinity of MCRLANCCURT and the ruined aerodrome. A good fire of H.E. and shrapnel was kept up during the night and apparently had a good effect on the enemy.

AIRCRAFT. our planes carried out reconnoitring and bombing patrols, during the day and some good hits were obtained on the road near K 8 central.

INFANTRY. Left Coy of Battalion did a good deal of sniping and bombing with No 36's at posts in vicinity K 13 b 50 50 and K 13 b 80 70. 2 huns were killed and 4 observed to be wounded.

On right Coy front a party of the enemy were heard talking at 10-30 p.m. Grenades and L.G. fire was brought to bear on them, all talking and noise then ceased and did not occur again during the night. Snipers got 3 of the enemy during the day as they were moving about. The total of the enemy killed during the day was 5 and 4 were wounded. These were all seen by men on the posts.

WCRK. see attached map.

E N E M Y C P E R A T I C N S.

ARTILLERY was fairly active at various times during the day and night especially at 2 a.m. this morning when a retaliatory "strafe" took place. 7-45 a.m. - 4 5.9 shells fell near supports fired from direction of MALARD WOOD.

8 a.m. - 12 5.9 shells fell near supports fired from direction of MALARD WOOD.

8-15 a.m. - 8 77 mm on to left Coy front line from MALARD WOOD.

8-25 to 10 a.m. - 50 - 5.9's and 4.2's on to K 7 c from MALARD WOOD.

2 p.m. 6 - 77's on to K 13 a from MALARD WOOD.

5 to 5-30 p.m. 20 - 5.9's and 4.2's fell in MCRLANCCURT and during the shelling 2 white flares went up from vicinity of shelling.

5-30 to 6 p.m. 12 - 77's fired on to K 1 from direction of K 8 c 50 50

7-15 p.m. - 9 - 77's in vicinity of Left coy front line.

The night was quiet except at 2 a.m. when our line was fairly heavily shelled as retaliation for our shelling. At 4 a.m. this morning the enemy fired a golden cluster. 4.2's and 77's followed.

AIRCRAFT. Enemy plane flew over our front line and hovered round for intervals of 5 minutes and then returned to his own lines. Our M.G. opened up fire each time.

8-30 p.m. E.A. flew over our line and dropped a white flare and was answered by a white flare.

MOVEMENT. 12-10 p.m. men seen walking from approx K 14 a 50 50 towards K 13 b 80 70.

3-5 p.m. much movement observed in and out of trenches in K 3.

5-30 p.m. enemy seen to hurry out of MCRLANCCURT when he shelled it with his own guns.

SMOKE. A good deal of smoke was seen coming from post at K 13 b 80 70

FLARES. usual white flares during the night.

at 4 a.m. this morning enemy fired a golden cluster which brought down a fairly heavy fire on our Left Coy sector?

MISCELLANEOUS. Visibility good.

PATROLS. see attached reports.

*J. Brown*  
Lieut.,  
Intelligence Officer.

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19th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

PATROL REPORT.

Ref. Map Sheet 62<sup>nd</sup> NE 120000.

Personnel of Patrol: 1 Off. and 12 G.R. + 1 L Gun

Place of going out: (a) K13a 40.15 (b) K13b 20.70.

Time of going out: (a) 10.10 p.m. (b) 12.15 a.m.

Purpose of going out: (a) Locating & mopping up of enemy post at K13b 30.10.

(b) Locating posts.

Place of return: (a) K13a 40.15 (b) K13a 60.20

Time of return (a) 10.50 p.m. (b) 2.10 a.m.

Casualties: Nil.

Information gained: The first time I went out from K13a 40.15 & proceeded in an easterly direction for about 100 yards then saw a party of about 30 Nuns who appeared to be wiring at approximately K13b 10.10 - K13d 40.80. I then returned to trench & went out from K13b 20.70 with the object of getting behind the party if possible. I again struck a party wiring at K13b 20.20 to K13b 40.40. I again returned to the trench & reported it by phone to Battery Hdqrs who got the artillery onto the spot. Two Lewis guns cooperated at the same time. The artillery shooting was very good & doubtless caused many casualties of the parties. Reported off wiring. Ground in No Mans Land is very muddy & sticky. Very few flares were fired & only 2 M.C.s fired during the night. These were fired from approx K13b 30.10 to K13d central.

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P.D. Jones  
Lieut.  
Officer i/c patrol.

Revised sheet giving details of personnel to be sent on patrol which can be completed by

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19th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION

PATROL REPORT

Ref. Map Sheet 62 DNE 120000

Personnel of Patrol: 1 Cff. and 9 C.R. & 1 L.G.

Place of going out: K7d 10.80

Time of going out: 1045 p.m.

Purpose of going out: Location of enemy post.

Place of return: K7d 10.80

Time of return: 2 am

Casualties: Nil

Information gained:  
Left the left post of C. Coy. at 10.45 p.m. and proceeded in an easterly direction. After going out about 150 yards a sniper fired on the patrol from K7d 80.40 flares were also sent up in that vicinity. Then proceeded out with 4 men to place where flares were fired & after throwing some bombs we awaited further developments. No more flares were sent up & we proceeded to examine the ground round about but nothing was seen or heard of the enemy. The rest of the front was very quiet & we returned to the trenches at 2 am.

A.B. Beach

22nd/95th May 1918

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Lieut. Officer i/c patrol.

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## 19th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY 23rd May 1918.C U R C O O P E R A T I O N S.

ARTILLERY. Our artillery was active throughout the day and night harassing the enemy with considerable effect. at 2-30 a.m. 23-5-18 a shoot in conjunction with T.M. and M.G's was carried out on K 3 b C 3, K 13 b 3 C and K 13 b 5 5. Some 18 pounders were shooting short and separate report is attached to this summary.

MORTARS. our L.T. Mortars fired 40 rounds H.M. at posts at K 13 b C 3 and K 13 b 3 C and 20 rounds at K 13 b 5C 5C.

The 6" Newton fired 10 rounds on K 8 b 25b45.

MACHINE GUNS. Lewis M. Guns kept up fire at intervals during the day and at 2-30 a.m. they co-operated with the artillery and T.M's and swept No Man's Land with short bursts of fire.

INFANTRY. carried out sniping and the firing of No 36 Grenades and the snipers claim 4 hits whilst on a couple of occasions the Boche made rush from one post to another when the grenades fell close.

PATROL. 1 Officer S.C.R. and 1 Lewis Gun. (See attached report)

WORK. See map and report attached.

E N E M Y C O O P E R A T I O N S.

ARTILLERY. 6 to 8 a.m. 22-5-18 No enemy action.

8-10 to 10-30 a.m. Fired about 60 shells 4.2's and 77's onto our front line and supports from direction of MALARD WOOD.

2-15 p.m. 4- 4.2's shells near supports from MALARD WOOD.

During the night there was considerable shelling at different periods, but it mostly passed over us towards the back areas and batteries.

MACHINE GUNS. were fairly quiet during the day and night as our Lewis Guns paid them a considerable amount of attention.

AIRCRAFT. 7-10-30 a.m. Two enemy planes flew up and down our front line and supports.

8 p.m. 22-5-18 10 enemy planes flew along our lines in a southerly direction A.A. opened fire and turned them back. Flew from direction of ALBERT.

MOVEMENT. 4 men jumped out of trench at 11-45 a.m. approx K 7 d 9C 4C were fired on by snipers and M.G's and they jumped back again.

12-2 p.m. Much movement seen in vicinity of K 15 a and b, men were carrying materials etc.

5-10 p.m. men seen at K 7 d 9 4. seen again evidently appeared to be digging a dug-out.

FLARES. 4-30 to 5-30 p.m. enemy shelled approx K 8 a c during the shelling the enemy fired up clusters of yellow flares but shelling continued. Single reds were then fired and enemy lifted his fire to K 7 c and d

MISCELLANEOUS. Visibility fairly good.

*J.P. Brown* Lieut,  
Intelligence Officer.

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Patrol Report

23/5/18

Patrol 10 off 8 of 12, 1 Lewis Gun.

Place of Departure K7d 10.80.

Time 10.30 pm

Place of Return K7d 10.80.

Time 1.15 am

Object of Patrol Locating MG positions

Casualties Nil.

Information gained:

I proceeded in an easterly direction towards Morlan court. After going some distance I decided that it was too light so I sent back the Lewis Gun & from thence onwards we carried out a reconnoitring patrol. The sector K7d was continually patrolled & no sign was seen of the enemy. Enemy MGs were very silent during the time patrol was out & our artillery fired on the enemy's positions constantly. At 1.30 am I returned to our trenches.

A B Keech Lt.

19th Bn.

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INTELLIGENCE REPORT 24th May 1918.OUR OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. The artillery brought harassing fire to bear on the enemy throughout the day and night. At 12-45 p.m. 23-5-18 the artillery exploded a large dump in the vicinity of E 18 d.

AIRCRAFT. Our planes carried out reconnoitring patrols during the day and a large number of planes passed over our lines during the night on bombing expeditions.

MACHINE GUNS. were active during throughout the day and night and caused the enemy to keep his head down by day.

INFANTRY. kept up sniping and bombing during the day and claim 5 hits.

PATROLS. Owing to extreme clearness of the night, it was impossible to carry out a patrol of any size. 1 officer and 3 C.R. went out from K 7 d 10 50 with the object of reconnoitring position at K 8 c 25 45 but were seen by the enemy and had to withdraw to our trench.

WORK. A good bit of work, digging, wiring etc, was carried on but owing to the good visibility the parties suffered much hindrance from M.G. fire.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. 6 to 7 a.m. enemy shelled our back areas with gas shells from direction of MALARD WOOD.

7-30 a.m. fired 6 - 4.2 shells in vicinity of left Coy front line.

7 to 8 a.m. fired about 60 - 5.9 in direction of our batteries, coming from direction of MALARD WOOD.

9 to 10 a.m. fired about 30 - 4.2 shells in vicinity of our supports firing from direction of MALARD WOOD.

8-20 a.m. fired 5 - 77 cm in vicinity of right Coy front line. Fired from direction of MALARD WOOD.

AIRCRAFT. Enemy planes endeavoured to cross our lines at various times during the day, but were always turned back by A.A. and M.G. fire.

Enemy aircraft passed over our lines during the night evidently on bombing expeditions to the back areas.

MACHINE GUNS. were very quiet during the day, but during the night they lived up considerably.

FLARES. the usual white flares went up during the night.

MOVEMENT. Considerable movement went on in some areas during the day and it looks like as if a relief was going on. At 11-10 a.m. 2 men were seen behind some trees walking towards road at approx K 8 c 50 60.

1 to 6-30 p.m. men seen coming out of MCRLANCCURT in parties of two's and three's - they walked up sunken road approx K 9 b 30 70. Men appeared to be wearing packs, some men seen to report at house at top of sunken road at approx K 9 b 30 70. They then walked up the road about 50 yards - then crossed fields in the direction of GRESSAIRE WOOD. Men also seen coming in opposite direction, much movement all the afternoon in the vicinity of K 9 and K 10. K 9 B 30-70 appears to be a H.Q. Artillery were advised this afternoon and area was shelled. Little enemy movement after shelling.

MISCELLANEOUS. Visibility good, except at midday when a slight shower obscured everything for an hour or so. Our artillery fired 50 rounds on a party of the enemy who passed road in K 7 d going towards K 13 b. Our 18 Pdrs again fired short during the night and interfered with our working, and wiring parties especially at 1-20 a.m. this morning.

*J. Brown* Lieut,  
Intelligence Officer.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY 25th May 1918.ENEMYOPERATIONS.ARTILLERY.

9-45 a.m. fired about 5 - 77 mm in vicinity of front line and supports, firing from direction of MALARD WOOD. Remainder of day extremely quiet, no artillery action.

TRENCH MORTARS.

Fired periodically during the morning on to vicinity of left flank of left Company. Appeared to be firing from approx K 2 d 40 30 near trees.

MACHINE GUNS.

One observed firing at a bearing of 103 (TB) from K 7 d C 6, gun appeared to be just over the ridge.

T.M. (pineapples) fired 2 shots onto left Coy front line, firing from direction K 8 c 40-50.

MOVEMENT.

6 to 8 a.m. much movement in the vicinity of K 4 and K 10.

3-15 p.m. 1 man walked from MCRLANCCURT to K 2 d 40 20 and disappeared in what appeared to be a trench. He stayed there a bout 5 minutes and then ran back towards the village.

FLARES.

Enemy only fired a couple of flares between 10 p.m and 3-30 a.m when he fired a burst of white flares, as our artillery was firing on him.

CUR OPERATIONS.ARTILLERY.

Our artillery was active throughout the day and night firing on various targets observed from the front line by our observers.

INFANTRY.

Kept up sniping whenever an opportunity occurred.

PATROLS.

See attached patrol reports.

WORK.

See report.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Owing to the bad weather and poor visibility it has not been possible to obtain much information regarding the enemy during the past 24 hours.

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Intelligence Officer.

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19<sup>th</sup> Brv. A.I.F. Order No 96.

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Ref Map. 62d N.E 1/20,000.

Brv Hqs.  
24<sup>th</sup> May 1918.

1. The 19<sup>th</sup> Brv will be relieved by the 18<sup>th</sup> Brv in the left sector of 5<sup>th</sup> A.I. Div front on night 25/26<sup>th</sup> May.
2. Brv relief the 19<sup>th</sup> Brv. will be in support and will take over duties and dispositions of 18<sup>th</sup> Brv as under:
  - A Corp to previous Support Positions
  - B . . . . . do
  - C . . . . . do
  - D . . . . . do.
3. Advance Parties 1 Off + 1 S.C.O. per Corp. will proceed to positions in support by 4 pm to take over.
4. Guides for incoming Brv. One guide per Platoon will await relieving Corps, at Corp Hqs. from 9.30 pm on
5. French Stores. S.O.S. Co will be handed over receipts obtained. Copies of receipts will be forwarded to Brv Hqs by 10 am on 26<sup>th</sup> inst. Each man will carry out 220 rounds S.F.A & 2 bombs. Each Corp. will carry out 25 Shovels and 16 Picks.
6. Rations will be delivered to dumps in support area. as for previous tours.
7. Cooking Arrangements:-
  - (a) One Cooker will remain in present position in forward area to supply C & D Corps.
  - (b) Transport Officer will collect the remaining Cookers from forward area at 10 pm for return to C. & M. Hqs.



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- ① The two Cookers from A No Store will carry forward a hot meal for A+B boys + HQ details each night commencing on 26<sup>th</sup> inst.
- ② One watercart will supply a load of water each night for cookers in forward area.
- ③ Completion of relief will be notified to Prov HQs. Coy commanders writing their own names.
- ④ ACKNOWLEDGE

L. Clayton-Smith  
 Lieut + Adjutant  
 19<sup>th</sup> Bn. A.I.F.

Distribution

- 1/4 All boys
- 5 A. No
- 6 P. O.
- 7 18<sup>th</sup> Bn. A.I.F.
- 8/9 War Diary
- 10 File

19th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.  
- - - - -Battalion Headquarters,  
26th May 1918.PROVISORIAL DEFENCE SCHEME.

1. In the event of an enemy attack on this Brigade Sector, the 19th Bn as support Bn will be required to either reinforce the right or left front line, or to counter attack to regain the front line should it be occupied by the enemy.
2. The front line is the main line of resistance, and must be held at all costs. All movement must be forward.
3. Necessary reconnaissance for lines of approach to front line right and left will be carried out forthwith.
4. In the event of Companies moving forward, One L. Gun Section per Coy will be left behind as a Nucleus Garrison for the present support positions.

*Hayton - Smith*  
Lieut. & Adjutant,  
19th Battalion, A.I.F.

## Distribution :-

A. Coy.  
B. Coy.  
C. Coy.  
D. Coy.  
War Diary. (2)  
File.

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## 19th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

SECRET.

No. C.R/1.

Battalion Headquarters,  
26th May 1918.

1. The following are locations of Bridges in the forward area which are to be reconnoitred by as many officers as possible. Each Coy will detail 2 officers to reconnoitre these positions to-morrow 27th inst, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

HEILLY. J 2 c 51  
J 7 b 55  
J 7 b 27  
J 7 central

BO NHAY. I 29 a  
I 23 c  
I 23 d 66  
I 23 b 64  
I 23 b 37  
I 18 c

2. Coy Commanders will report compliance with the above instructions by 8 p.m. 27th inst.

*L. Clayton-Smith*

Lieut. & Adjutant,  
19th Battalion, A.I.F.

## Distribution :-

A. Coy.  
B. "  
C. "  
D. "  
War Diary (2)  
File.

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SECRET.

Ref. Map - Sheet 62 d NE.  
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Battalion Headquarters,  
30th May 1918.

1. The 19th Battalion will relieve the 18th Battalion in the line on night 31st May/1st June, as follows :-  
 D. Coy will relieve Coy of 18th Bn in line right.  
 A. " " " " left.  
 B. " " " support right (close support line)  
 C. " " " " left.
2. Guides. One guide per platoon will await Coys at their respective Coy Headquarters in the line.
3. Coys will report to Bn Headquarters by 9-15 p.m that they are ready to move and will move forward as soon as visibility permits.
4. Each man will carry into the line 220 rds S.A.A. and 2 bombs. All shovels and picks will be carried into the line.
5. (a) Trench stores will be taken over and receipts given. Copies of receipts will be forwarded to Bn Headquarters in duplicate, by first runner after relief.  
 (b) Trench stores in support area will be handed over to advance parties of 18th Bn and receipts obtained. Copies will be forwarded to Bn Headquarters after completion of relief.
6. Cooking arrangements. All cooking will be carried out at Q.M. Store. Transport Officer will arrange to collect cooker at present in forward area, on night 31st inst, for return to Q.M. Store.
7. Rations. will be dumped each night commencing night 31st inst at Bn Hdqrs in the line.
8. Completion of relief will be notified to Bn Hqrs by wire, Coy Commanders wiring the ir own names.
9. Acknowledge.

Issued by runner at *Sam 31<sup>st</sup>*

*L. Layton-Smith*  
Lieut & Adjutant,  
19th Battalion, A.I.F.

Distribution :-

- 1/2 War Diary.
- 3 C.C. A. Coy.
- 4 " B. "
- 5 " C. "
- 6 " D. "
- 7 Q.M.
- 8 T.C.
- 9 File.
- 10 18th Bn. A.I.F.

*Appendix 24*

Secret

19<sup>th</sup> Am AIF order N° 98

Ref Sheet 62 a NE 1/20,000

Pon H Pls  
30/5/18

1. 2<sup>nd</sup> Special Coy RE are replacing gas projectors at the following places on night 30<sup>th</sup>/31<sup>st</sup>
  - (a) 150 projectors before from K12 d 96 on to road junction K8 c 66 and for a distance of 200 yds along the roads from that point in each direction.
  - (b) 50 projectors from J12 d 96 on to K14 a 66
2. The date and hour of these discharges will be determined later + will probably be accompanied by a crash of heavy artillery from Zero minus 2 minutes to Zero plus 3 minutes.
3. The limits of direction of wind for safe discharge are from SSW through W to NW by W with a velocity not exceeding 10 mph.
4. Troops in the vicinity of the projector emplacements will maintain a special gas alert while the projectors are in their emplacements and until they are discharged.
5. Instructions will be issued later stating area
  - (a) to be cleared of troops at time of discharge
  - (b) in which gas masks must be worn from Zero minus 5 minutes to Zero plus 10 minutes.

Distribution

- A Coy
- B "
- C "
- D "
- file.

L. Layton Smith  
 Lt Col  
 19<sup>th</sup> Am AIF

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19th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.  
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SECRET.

Battalion Headquarters,  
31st May 1918.

ADDENDA TO BATTALION ORDER, NO 98.

Para 1, (c) 200 projectors in vicinity of K 1 e 24 will fire on cross roads K 8 b 29 and area within radius of 200 yards of this point.

Para 5, Attached hereto is sketch showing areas referred to in (a) and (b).

Troops will re-occupy vacated areas when instructed by R.I. officer in charge of the operation, or on receipt of word SNIP from Battalion headquarters. Coys concerned will wire the word SNAG to Battalion headquarters when vacated areas have been re-occupied.

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Lieut & Adjutant  
19th Battalion, A.I.F.

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Distribution :-

- A. Coy.
- B. "
- C. "
- D. "
- File. 2